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Last week, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to study the negative impacts of both plastic and paper sack waste and to consider alternatives to ameliorate this problem. While the County’s effort has just begun, numerous organizations have long campaigned on behalf of this significant environmental concern.

One potential opportunity to reduce sack waste is to increase utilization of reusable bags. For example, in Australia, reusable bags that were introduced a few years ago reduced plastic bag usage by almost 50%.

Many companies have formed a partnership with Earth Share, a nationwide network of the countries most respected environmental and conservation organization, to launch a “National Reusable Bag Day” on April 21st, one day before “Earth Day”. The purpose of this day is to bring to the attention of the American People the need to reduce plastic bag consumption.

I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Proclaim the day of April 21, 2007 as “National Reusable Bag Day” and encourage County employees to participate and support activities related to this cause.

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